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STRONG WORDS

Dr. Duke K. McCall, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and President of the National Temperance League, says:

"There are those who believe that a minister should preach the Bible and leave all debatable questions alone. Inevitably they include liquor as a taboo subject for the pulpit. It is a tragedy that the voice of too many churches has been silenced on this critical issue.

"Let me state that no individual or organization which assumes any concern with the mental, physical, moral, or spiritual health of our country and its people, much less is concerned with the expansion of the gospel throughout the world, can keep silent on the issue of alcoholic beverages."

YOUR SUPERINTENDENT RETIRES

The march of time is enexorable. Now and again it dictates changes in the personel of any organized movement.

So that a younger man may become Superintendent of The Temperance League of New Jersey, to match younger blood in the organization, it has seemed wise for me to drop out of responsible leadership. I have so informed your Executive Committee; and they have kindly accepted my retirement, effective October 15th.

In this crusade, my fellowship with the Executive Committee and the trustees of the League, with those who so faithfully work in the office, and with the many friendly ministers and fine lay people of the churches over the State has been a happy privilege the memory of which will long remain with me. And my contacts with our splendid high school principals, coaches and teachers, together with the many thousands of young people, has inspired me beyond my power to express. By it all I have been enriched with a wealth that none can take away from me. I sincerely thank every one who has given moral and financial support to make possible the League's fine service during the past four and one-half years.

I am glad to report that a new Superintendent has been chosen, and will take up the work on January First. He is The Rev. George W. Lewis, from Philadelphia, a native son of New Jersey. Because I know him, I can commend him to all the friends of abstinence in New Jersey. He will be properly introduced in the next issue of the NEWS.

Meantime, by agreement with your Executive Committee, I am continuing the necessary routine, that there be no break in the continuity of our work.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Again!

Welcome Christmas! Time of tenderness generosity, remembrance for the poor and bewildered who possessed such a claim upon the humble Christ. "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

"Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world". Surely, our faith tells us that our God is leading us on to victory over the evil thing which destroys those for whose deliverance God's Son came into our lost world.

Every diligent and faithful one can hasten the day of glad triumph. There will be joy in heaven, then. Indeed every single one rescued or prevented from this clutch of the Devil is the cause of rejoicing up there. But also, there will be joy in the world, in saved families, when "Demon Rum" is conquered. Though final and complete eradication may be long delayed, it is worth the investment of life and substance in this warfare. For it makes us, like the Master, "workers together with God!".

Yours for a Joyful Christmas. May its benediction enrich you everyone.

THANK YOU!

The response to a special appeal letter sent to known friends of the League by President James C. Ford and Assistant Treasurer Charles Lee Reynolds, D.D. has been magnificent. Coupled with other receipts, it has enabled us to pay all obligations to date and begin building a much needed balance for supplies and equipment.

As stated in the letter, it is hoped that this special giving will not take the place of anyone's accustomed giving. For, if it did, we should soon, again, be "in the red". Let's everyone and every group help to build a working fund to enable the new Superintendent to get a fair start in the new year, without any handicap. The responsibility for success belongs, not to him alone; but to all of us together. Why not each one make a real New Year's resolution in this matter, to do, not our bit, but our best.

THE FUR IS FLYING IN GLOUCESTER CITY

The Gloucester City News reports exciting doings in that city. The fight is between the Tavern Association and the Civic Committee for Closed Sundays.

By connivance of the A.B.C. and a Superior Court Judge, recognizing as valid a questionable petition, the citizens must vote on the question in November. This despite the fact that by their votes, three years ago, they stopped all sales of intoxicants on Sundays.

There has been a continuing exchange of letters to the newspaper, action in the court, a judge holding the Rev. Loriot D. Bozorth, Jr., Baptist Minister, in contempt because of comments printed in the NEWS. Mr. Bozorth is in custody of his attorney, Mr. Harold W. Bennett. A hearing is to be held.

The Rotary Club of Gloucester City voted unanimously to go on record as supporting the Rev. Loriot Bozorth "in his right to express himself freely through the means of the press. Any attempt to deny him this right is an infringement of human rights, freedom of the press, and opposed to our American way of life."

Let us every one support this fight and a courageous minister. The Rev. Mr. Bozorth says the real question, now, is, "Who is going to run Gloucester City? The constituted authorities, or the Tavern Association. The answer will be given at the polls.

"When you see danger and people threatened by it, you have no right to keep still,"

Challenging the view that alcohol is a food, Dr. Ivy said, "If so, we have been sadly neglecting our pigs, chickens, cows, dogs and cats."

Mr. Chad Israel asserted that Christian missions are suffering in India because the Indians are so critical of missionaries. The masses feel that a religion, like Christianity, which tolerates liquor will not suit India.

Courtesy Charleston Gazette

ROBERT C. BYRD

FEARLESS CONGRESSMAN

Congressman Robert C. Byrd, from West Virginia, has attracted nationwide attention and approval. The American Issue, distributed across the Nation, comments: "Some voters may be cynical about politicians in general and congressmen in particular -- that his sole motive is to keep himself and his party in office regardless of principles. It is therefore refreshing when a congressman speaks out in favor of the spiritual side of an issue, as having the greater importance to our "Nation".

The Congressman is quoted as telling his colleagues in an address that, "We must seek to build a more enduring spiritual awareness".

The West Virginia Issue relates that "While in the Legislature, as well as since he has been in Congress, Mr. Byrd has always fearlessly stood for what he thought was right. While running for the State Senate, in 1950, a whispering campaign started against him, that he was a Dry. When he heard of it, he paid for a quarter-page advertisement in a newspaper, declaring, 'I have heard that there is a whispering campaign on against me, that I am a Dry. You do not need to whisper it any longer, for I am now saying it out loud. YES, I AM A DRY'. After such a refreshing example of courage and honesty, Mr. Byrd led his ticket in the Senatorial District."

DOCTORS BLAMED

A California Psychologist says acute alcholism has reached an alarming stage in the United States because the medical profession has failed. Dr. Karl M. Bowman said: "The first thing that must be recognized is that alcohol is a narcotic drug and not a stimulant. It is the cause of more crimes of violence and more serious automobile accidents, and it produces more suffering and misery in our country than all other narcotic drugs put together."

--- Maryland News.

"Get off the bench and into the game."

"A sheep gives its wool willingly.
Did you ever try taking bristles from a hog?"

"And Jesus came preaching, saying:
'Change your way of thinking."

THANKSGIVING

It was great wisdom on the part of our American forefathers to set apart an autumn day, once a year, when the people would pause to give thanks for their many blessings. Indeed they must have been divinely inspired by God, who evidently has loved America and counted on this people for a leading part in the development of the fortunes of mankind. For the remembrance of God and His Goodness has made us a great, strong and distinguished people. Yet, like Israel of old, we could prove unworthy, unfit and unable to fulfill our holy destiny.

These are days when we all ought to thank God for all those in the churches who are alert to the tragedy of drink and who are striving to save this fair Nation from the doom --- the moral, mental and physical degradation --- which so mightily threatens our land and our loved ones. Let us thank Him for honest doctors and unselfish scientists who are proclaiming the tragic truth; for men and women in public life who refuse to be intimidated nor silenced; for rank and file folk who have the common sense to know and declare a better way than the way of drink.

DEMOCRACY

"It is not politics to vote in an election. It is democracy. It is not politics to help the man you have voted for to do his duty as your representative. It is democracy. Failure at either end of the process is tantamount to surrendering the franchise.

"We can't make peace with the liquor traffic and be at peace with ourselves. This is what Seward called the slavery question -- an "irrepressible issue."

--- Missouri New Issue.

"Greater is He that is in you
than he that is in the world."

A DAMNING ADMISSION

Mr. Roger Laynor, head of the Maryland Alcohol Beverages Division, has said that, "It behooves the alcohol beverage industry to be infinitely discreet in all advertising and promotional work. Advertising restrictions, he said, are to protect the customer, maintain a fair competitive situation within the industry and prevent advertising that is offensive, obscene or indecent, false or misleading.

"Prior to Prohibition certain brands of whiskey were advertised as the only sure cure for consumption, bronchitis and 'other wasting diseases' ", he said.

Thanks to Maryland News.

"Give of your best to the Master,
Join in the battle for truth."

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OUTSPOKEN EPISCOPAL RECTOR

Last Sunday evening I listened to a ringing, no punches held, radio address by the Rev. Mr. Auerbach, crusading dry Rector. I understand he can be heard on Sunday evenings around 6 P.M. He fearlessly discussed the question, "Does the Military make Alcoholics?", and told the truth. May his tribe increase! The following Sunday evening, October 30th, his theme was to be "Does the Church make Alcoholics?" Hold everything!

"You cannot walk with God and
run with the Devil."

AMAZING!

Marietta, Georgia, where liquor stores were closed two years ago, reports an amazing record of community improvements during the first year including $1,500,000 for hospital, $400,000 for new street patrol trucks, increased wages for city employees, and new housing projects. The city did not borrow a dime, but paid all its debts. A statement that all this was achieved without liquor-license money was signed by the mayor and the councilmen in all seven wards of the city. - EVANGELICAL VISITOR

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